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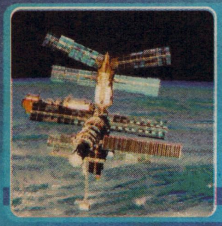

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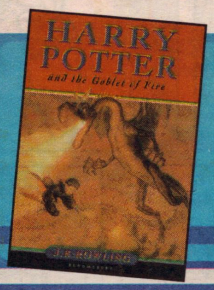

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The story so far – Velma and the gang have found some vital clues ... and the net is closing in on the library lurker!

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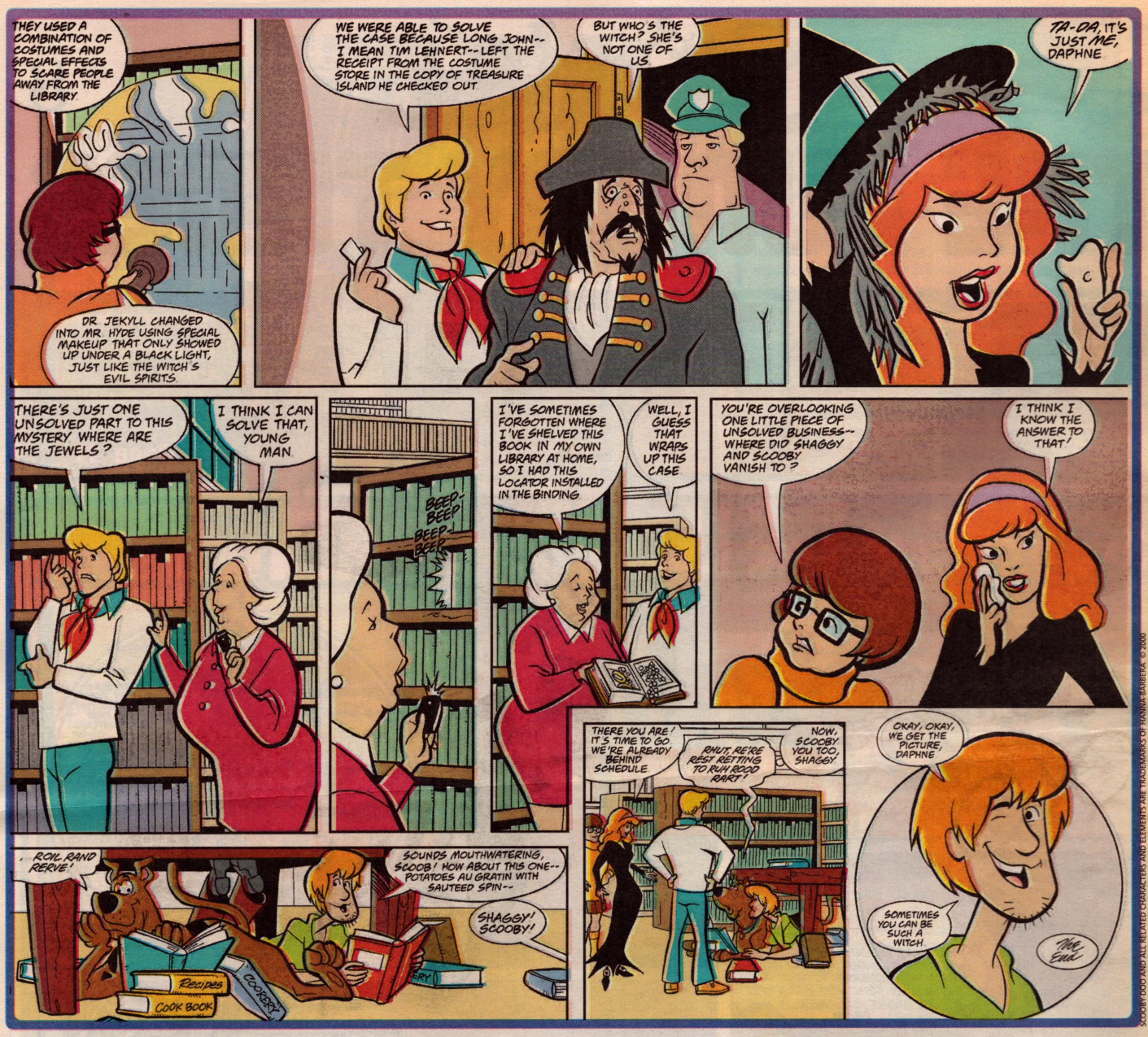

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f-mail

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CLOCK-A-DOODLE DO!

Don't miss out on these Chicken Run gadgets from Wesco – they're a must for fans of the rib-tickling Chicken Run, which is out now at cinemas. We've got an egg-citing prize for all f-mail winners. The star f-mail will win a Chicken Run alarm clock, watch, money bank and radio, while clucky runners-up get a Chicken Run alarm clock.

Dear f-mail,
This is a monster called Loopy-do. His favourite pastime is swimming!
Katherine Mills, Norwich

Dear f-mail,
I recently joined the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme and it's great. There are four parts to the award: community, recreational, expedition and skills service. I started with community service, which I have just completed. I worked for the Anchor Boys, who are part of the Boys' Brigade but for a younger age group, and I have really enjoyed it. It has really helped me to work on my own and not to depend on other people to do things for me. I thoroughly recommend it – you have fun, make loads of friends and gain a badge!
Rebecca Crean, 14, Altrincham

Watch out for Funday's new cartoon next week – The Powerpuff Girls!

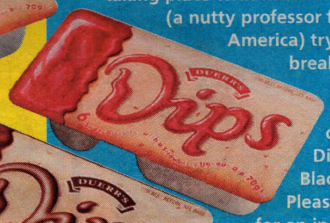
FUN Competitions!

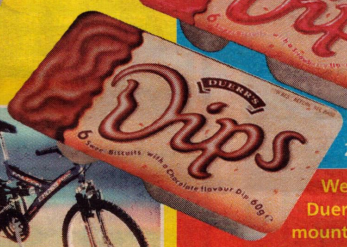
COMPETITION ADDRESS Send answers to all competitions to us at: The Funday Times, PO Box 5073, Leighton Buzzard LU7 7GX. Competition deadline: July 19
You can e-mail your competition answers to: funday.competitions@sunday-times.co.uk

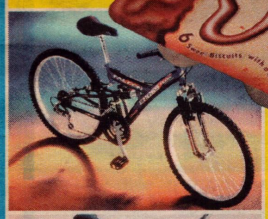
DEEPLY DIPPY

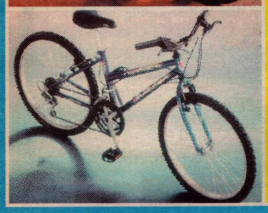
Take the plunge this summer with the great tasting Duerr's Dips, the pocket-sized treats packed with biscuits and a scrummy strawberry or chocolate dip.

And to help you get deeply dippy this summer, the Duerr's Dipperthon is now taking place with Richard Rodriguez (a nutty professor from America) trying to break a world record by staying on the Big Dipper at Blackpool Pleasure Beach for an incredible 2,000 hours!









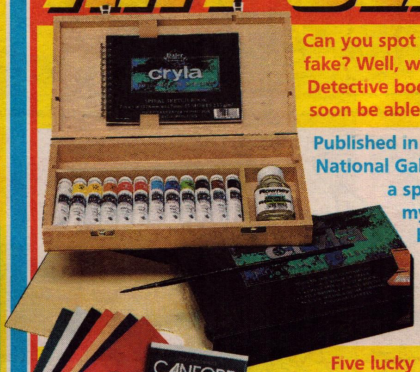
We've teamed up with Duerr's to give away six mountain bikes (three girl's bikes and three boy's bikes).

Plus, four runners-up win a family ticket to Blackpool Pleasure Beach and a month's supply of delicious Duerr's Dips.

To enter, tell us which county Blackpool is in.

Mark your entry DIPS and send it, with your name, age and address, to the competition address above.

ART CLASS!



Can you spot a real work of art from a fake? Well, with the great Art Fraud Detective book from Kingfisher you'll soon be able to spot a dodgy Degas.

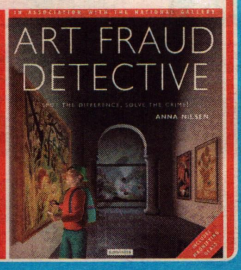
Published in association with the National Gallery, Art Fraud Detective is a spot-the-difference game, a mystery story and an art book rolled into one. Just grab the book's magnifying glass and get studying what makes a real masterpiece!

Five lucky winners each receive a copy of Art Fraud Detective plus a host of Daler Rowney art products, including a Cryla Gallery Selection Set, a Canterbury easel and an A3 Maxi artcase!

Plus, 10 runners-up win the book and a Cryla Gallery Selection Set.

To enter, tell us who painted The Haywain.

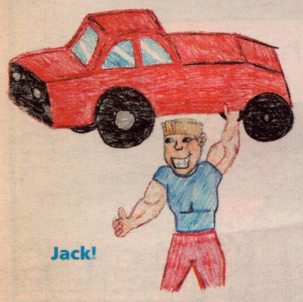
Mark your entry ART and send it, with your name, age and address, to the competition address above.



Normal TNL competition rules apply to all Funday Times competitions

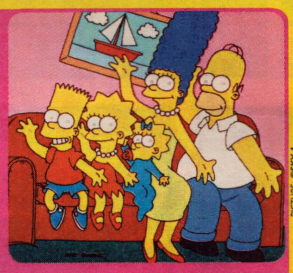
Abigail Gatling, 10, Galway

What do you call a man who can lift up cars?



Jack!

Dear f-mail,
I think it is brilliant that such a great television programme as The Simpsons can celebrate its 10th birthday – especially as it started out as a time filler that was originally only going to last for a few months. Well done to Simpsons' creator Matt Groening! I think he and the rest of the show's writers must be geniuses to keep it running for so long and to have kept it so funny!
Sophie Thornton, County Durham



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Beccie Campbell, 12, Sherfield on Lodden

What did Mr Worm say to Mrs Worm?

Why on earth are you so late?

What's purple, 5,000 years old and very, very long?

The Grape Wall of China!

What's the best way to raise strawberries?

With a spoon!

Katie Selwood, Telbury

Draw your favourite Funday characters and send them in to f-mail!

Asterix and Son

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Continued next week!

DAGSY DOG

Woof, woof! Got any pet problems? Then get in touch with me at the address below!

I'm going to get a kitten as a pet. I have read lots of things about them on the internet and in books but I have a couple of questions. How can I tell whether a kitten is a boy or a girl? Also, can you give me any tips on how to make my kitten the happiest in the world?

Sarah Barnes, via e-mail

When you get your new kitten you will need to take it along to your local vet to be checked over, vaccinated, deflead and wormed. The vet can also check the sex of your kitten for you. However, as a general guide, a female kitten will have a shorter distance between the bottom and genitals compared to a male kitten. Your kitten will be happy if it is loved, well-cared for and healthy. You have started on the right track by reading up on the care of kittens before you get one!

Advice by Catherine Morganti

If you have a question for me or you want to send in a cool fact, write to:
The Funday Times, Dagsy Dog, PO Box 495, London E98 1ST
You can now e-mail your pet problems to
dagsy.dog@sunday-times.co.uk

The Blue Cross, one of Britain's oldest animal welfare charities, has four animal hospitals, 11 adoption centres, and two equine centres. Last year the charity found homes for more than 9,000 animals and treated around 60,000 pets at its hospitals.

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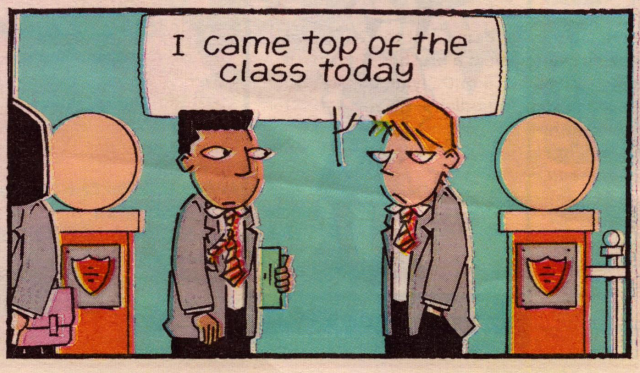
Jarvis



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Jarvis and Tony return next week!

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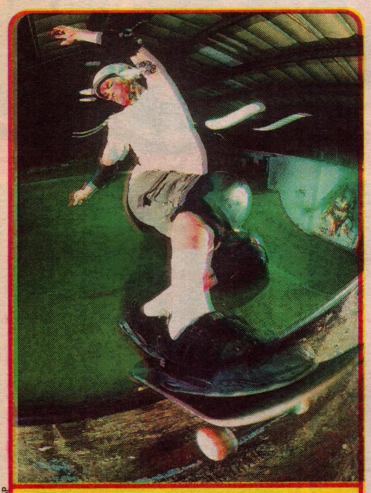

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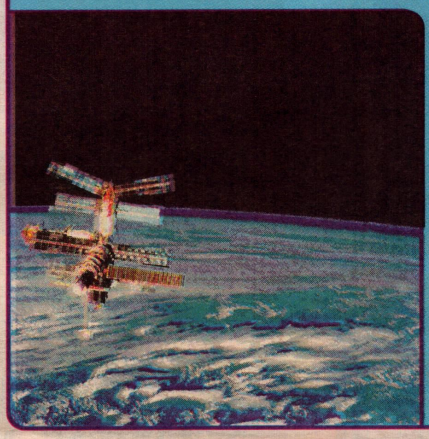
Extreme dream

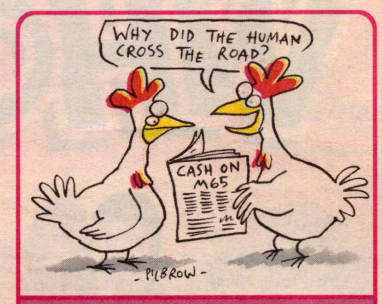
If you know what vert, freestyle, big air and quarter pipe are all about, then chances are you'll fancy a trip to the all-action National Adventure Sports Weekender.
The extreme sports extravaganza takes place on July 22-23 at the Royal Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet, in Somerset, and will have professional stars from the worlds of skateboarding, BMX, wakeboarding and mountain biking competing to the max!
Whether it's on wheels or water, you'll be able to watch the best talents around with top notch stunt displays by Team Extreme, the British Freestyle Jet Ski Team and the Mad Mountain Bike Display Team.
But don't think that it's just for the pros, you can also test your own extreme skills in the skatepark, or on the BMX track, climbing wall and mountain bike course.
Even no snow won't mean no go as you can bring your snowboard and try out the specially-constructed 20m dry slope or test yourself with some crazy mountain boarding!

You can visit the National Adventure Sports Weekender for the day or, if you are feeling really daring, you can camp there over the weekend.
Ticket prices are child (8-14 years) day ticket, £4.50; adult day ticket, £8.50; child (8-14 years) weekend ticket £9; adult weekend ticket, £19.50. For more information on the event log on to www.national-adventuresports.co.uk or call the ticket hotline on 0115 912 9170.

Wish you were Mir

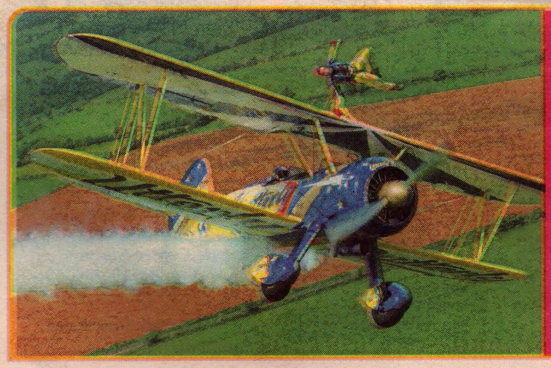
A businessman in America has spent £15m to become the first-ever space tourist. Dennis Tito, 59, is already in Moscow training for the mission, and will spend a week on board the Mir space station with two cosmonauts next year. Dennis has beaten Britain's Richard Branson and Titanic director James Cameron who have both declared that they are keen to spend a holiday in space. The Mir space station first blasted into orbit back in 1986, and has made over 82,150 trips around the Earth since then!





The road to fortune

Drivers on the M65 motorway came to a screeching halt on the hard shoulder last week when it began raining £5, £10 and £20 notes! The money-mad motorists then risked their lives to dash on to the carriageway and dodge passing vehicles, in order to scoop up handfuls of cash. The money had blown out of a motorbike courier's rucksack, as he zoomed between Accrington and Blackburn in Lancashire. Police discovered drivers all over the three-lane motorway grabbing as many notes as they could. Amazingly, the officers managed to retrieve all the loot, except for just one £10 note!



Walking on air

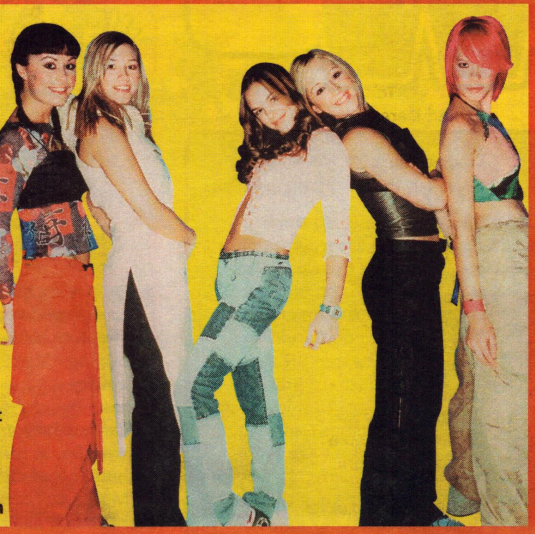
Brave Lisa Hampstead is Britain's youngest-ever professional wing walker. The 18-year-old regularly performs a daring display of acrobatics at 1,000m above ground, while the plane to which she is attached whirls through a sequence of loops, rolls and terrifying turns! Lisa is touring the UK this summer with the Utterly Butterly Barnstormers Display Team – so look out for her at an air show near you. Lisa says she enjoys her high-flying job so much that she now wants to become Britain's youngest film stuntwoman.

Plucky chap

It might look like a fun game, but this baby owl is actually recovering from a brush with death. He was discovered last month, lying helpless with a broken leg in some woodland. He was taken to the Cambridgeshire Raptor Foundation headquarters in St Ives, where this exercise device was created to help him strengthen his weak limbs. The Foundation's Stewart McQuillan told Funday: "It may be that he fell from his nest, or from a tree branch, and lost contact with his family. Either way, he risked starving to death or becoming food for a fox."
In recognition of the little owl's good fortune, the staff at the foundation have named him Lucky.

WHO WILL YOU

Girl Thing



Who's in the band? Michelle, Linzi, Jodi, Nikki and Anika.
Track record: Recent debut single, Last One Standing, just made it into the top 10. Mel C caused a stir on SM:TV Live by blasting the band as Spice Girls copycats!
What next? At least two fab new tunes, so watch out!
Website: www.girlthing.uk.com

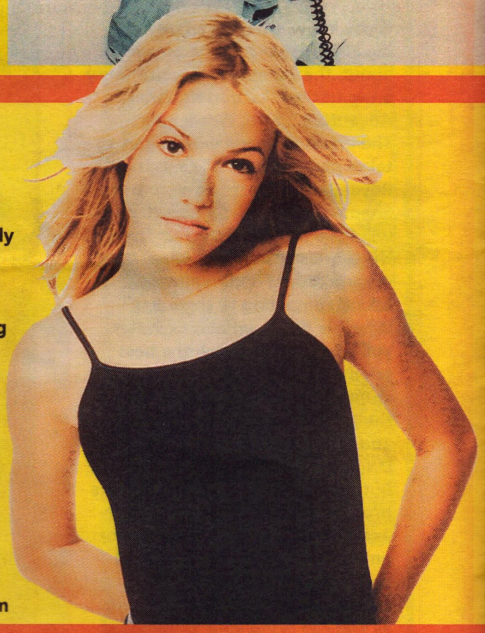
Atomic Kitten

Who's in the band? Natasha, Liz and Kerry.
Track record: Two big smashes to their name, Right Now and See Ya!, plus they provided scorching support on the recent Steps tour.
What next? The Kittens will be back in the charts today with their awesome new single, I Want Your Love.
Website: www.atomic-kitten.co.uk

Point Break

Who's in the band? Declan, Ollie and Brett.
Track record: Three amazing hit singles (Do We Rock, Stand Tough and Freakytime) and the lads provided electrifying support on last year's Steps tour.
What next? Another classic single, You, out on July 24 and the awesome debut album, Apocadelic, is also on its way.
Website: www.point-break.net

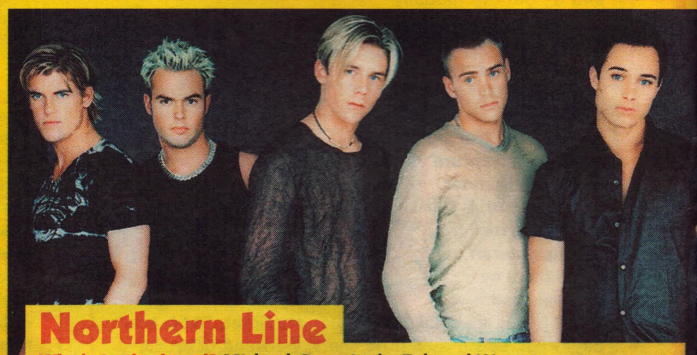
Mandy Moore



Who's in the band? She's not a band, Mandy is a solo artist – a 16-year-old American singer to be precise.
Track record: Sparkling debut single, Candy, was a hit all around the world.
What next? New single, I Wanna Be With You, is a bit slower but it's featured in the new movie Centre Stage, so it should be a hit.
Website: www.mandymoore.com

Boom!

Who's in the band? Nick, Rachael, Vicky, John, Shakti and Shaun.
Track record: Boom! haven't released their debut single yet, but created a stir on the Steps and Kids Awards tours recently with their power-packed dance routines and punchy songs.
What next? Debut single, Like It Sweet, is out next month.
Website: No details yet, you'll just have to wait for it!



Northern Line

Who's in the band? Michael, Dan, Andy, Zak and Warren.
Track record: They've notched up three successful singles – Run For Your Life, Love On The Northern Line and All Around The World.
What next? An album is on the way, and the lads have been writing some of the songs themselves.
Website: www.northern-line.com

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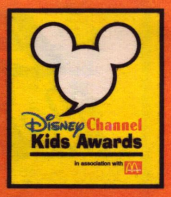
CHOOSE?

Voting for the Disney Channel Kids Awards is well under way and this year we've even got our own award – The Funday Times Newcomer! It's going to be a tough battle, so here's our guide to the nominees. Good luck to them all!

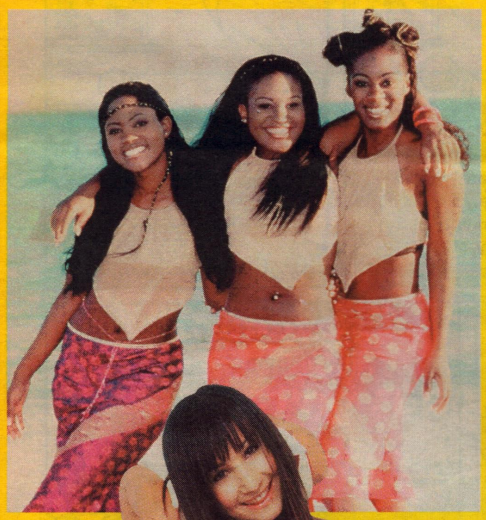


Scooch

Who's in the band? Russ, Natalie, Caroline and David.
Track record: Three well-deserved chart hits – When My Baby, More Than I Needed To Know and The Best Is Yet To Come.
What next?: Their best single yet, For Sure, is released on July 24.
Website: www.scooch.co.uk

Mero

Who's in the band? Tommy and Derek.
Track record: One chart hit so far, the fabulous It Must Be Love. Plus, Mero were a popular act on the Kids Awards roadshow.
What next? No news, but the lads need a fresh hit soon.
Website: www.mero.co.uk

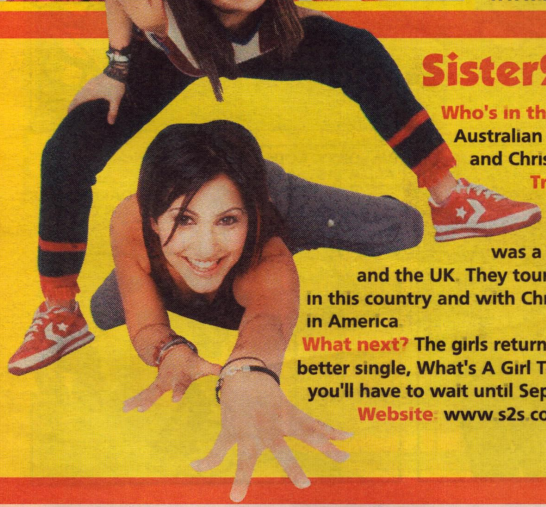


Fierce

Who's in the band? It used to be Chantal, Aisha and Sabrina.
Track record: After three years together, the girls triumphed with a string of hits, including their number-three smash Sweet Love 2000. Sadly, singer Aisha Peters then left the band earlier this year.
What next? Sabrina and Chantal are currently hunting for another singer – good luck, girls!
Website: www.fierce.co.uk

Madasun

Who's in the band? Vicky, Vonda and Abby.
Track record: They came up with their name while watching last year's solar eclipse – "mad as the sun," they cried. Two hits so far – the moody Don't You Worry and Walking On Water.
What next? An album is said to be on its way.
Website: www.madasun.co.uk



Sister2sister

Who's in the band? Australian sisters Sharon and Christine.
Track record: Sister, their debut single, was a hit in Australia and the UK. They toured with Five in this country and with Christina Aguilera in America.
What next? The girls return with an even better single, What's A Girl To Do?, but you'll have to wait until September!
Website: www.s2s.com.au

Artful Dodger

Who's in the band? Mark Hill and Pete Devereux, joined by guest vocalists.
Track record: Quickly become the UK's most successful garage act, with two monster hits Re-Rewind, The Crowd Say Bo Selecta and Movin' Too Fast.
What next? Current hit Woman Trouble is another huge smash – and the band are finishing off their debut album.
Website: www.theartfuldodger.co.uk

Make sure you vote! Either make your choice online at www.disney.co.uk/disneychannel or pick up a voting form in any McDonalds. It's free!

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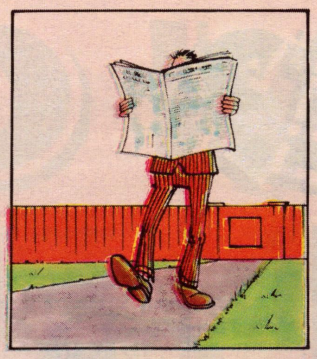

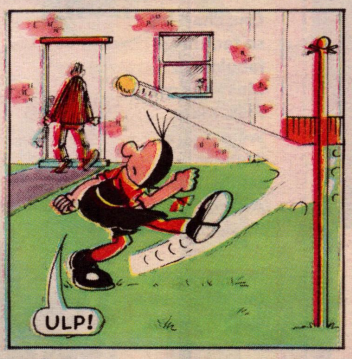

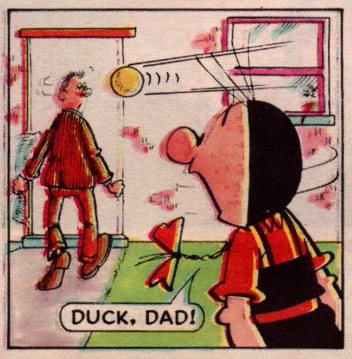

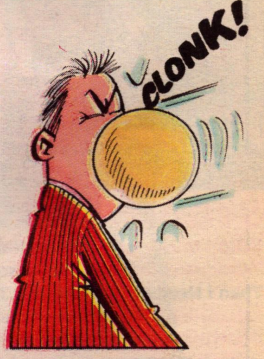

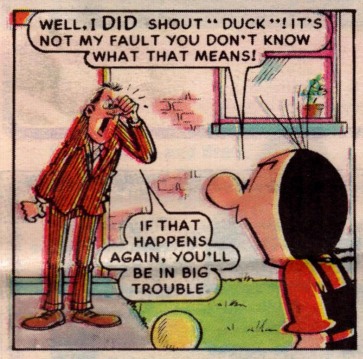

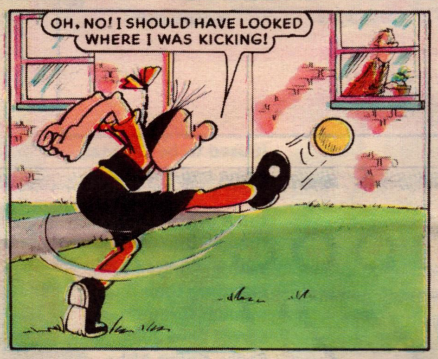

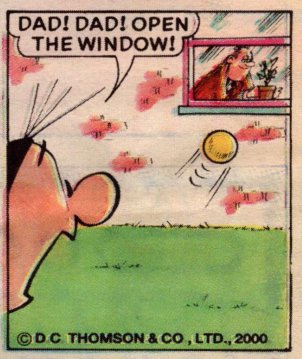

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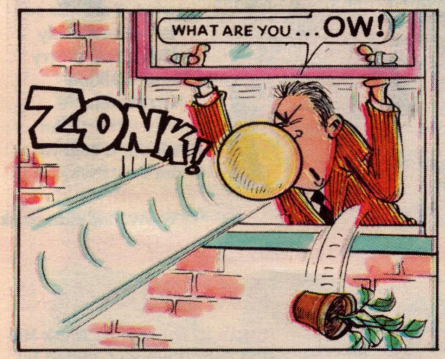

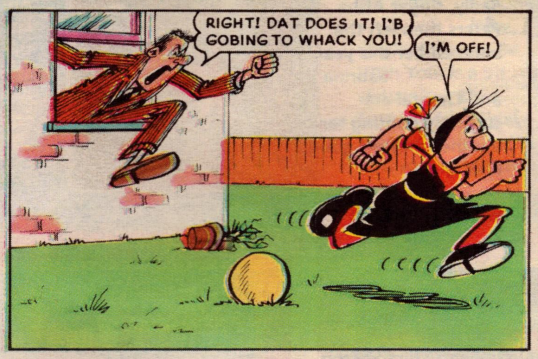

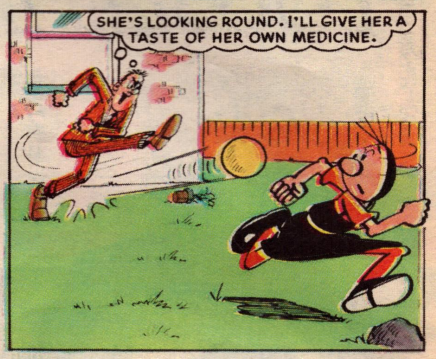

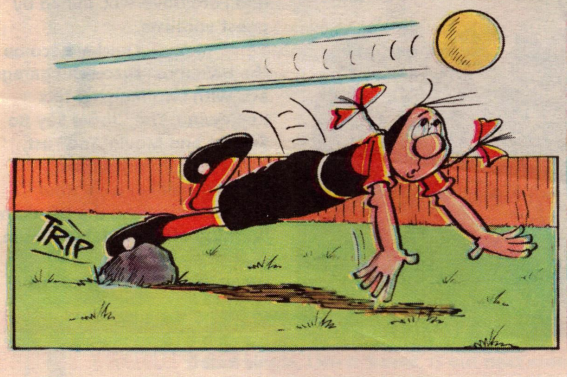

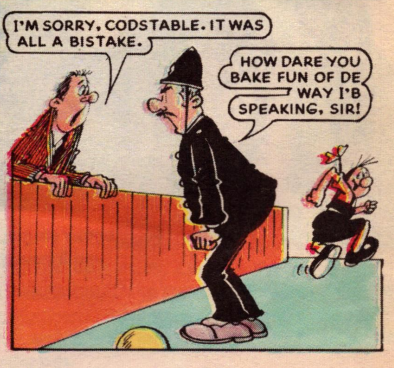

Beryl causes more chaos next week!

Mac chat

Funday talks to Lynn Ferguson, the voice of Mac in Chicken Run.

It's rare for an actress to want to play a chicken, but for Lynn Ferguson the chance to star in the smash hit film Chicken Run was too good an opportunity to miss.

"It was a brilliant script," she explains. "It's the mixture of humour and narrative. There's a lot of fun, but you actually care about what happens to these chickens too!"

Lynn provides the voice of Mac, the inventive one of the gang, who she describes as brainy, eccentric and well-meaning.

"She reminds me of these guys at our school who used to carry briefcases and their mums would give them carrots instead of Mars bars," describes Lynn. "They were geeky and weren't very popular. But I love Mac very much."

However, Lynn's strong affection for Mac certainly didn't mean she was able to identify with her character's inventiveness.

"No, I'm terrible – I have some great ideas but I never follow them through."

One great idea that Lynn did see to the end was working with the creative geniuses behind the film, Nick Park and Peter Lord.

"When you are working with people like Nick and Pete it's a joy. They are just totally gorgeous," she enthuses. "The two of them are just guys who really like doing what they do!"

FUNDAY FRESH!

COOL STUFF

SAMMIES by Samsonite

You're old enough to pack your own bags, but it's not exactly the best part of a holiday is it? Well, it could be a whole lot better now that Samsonite has expanded its Sammies range for young travellers. New this summer are the Animal Face soft-side range and My First Oyster, the first-ever hard-side suitcase for children. It's cool to have a suitcase that looks as smart as mum and dad's, and these funky designs are built to last. They also feature reflective logos, to keep you visible in the dark.

ALBUM

FRESH HITS VOL. 1

It's nearly time for the summer holidays, which means that there will be lots of compilations out soon as well. You're going to want something new on your Walkman during the holidays, and if you're after a big dose of pop then Fresh Hits Vol. 1 could be the answer. It's got heaps of current and recent hits, including Richard Blackwood, Black Legend, Tom Jones and Moby. But although there aren't any duff tracks here, there are a couple, like S Club 7's You're My Number One and Britney Spears' Born To Make You Happy, that are a bit too old to be on a new compilation.

SINGLE

LANDSLIDE Spin City

Attention – boyband alert! Spin City are the new boyband for July, so get ready for Kristian, Ashley, Nathan and Conor. The down-to-earth foursome describe themselves as boy racin' and girl chasin', and they come from all over the country. The title Landslide makes this single sound slightly more dramatic than it actually is. But it's a fine first song and it shows that the boys can actually sing – over a refreshing backing track of pure, pumping pop.

FUNDAY BUZZ!

Something spooky

Funday Buzz caught up with Buffy The Vampire Slayer star Alyson Hannigan, when she flew in to London recently

Is it scary filming all those spooky story lines?
Sometimes, but only if the actors in the spooky make-up try and make you jump. Usually you see them getting their make-up done, so you know they're not really demons or vampires!

What about when you see an episode edited together?
Yes, definitely. It's a scary programme, but it's funny too so you can laugh and scream at the same time.

Do you enjoy being scared?
No way! A lot of people think it's fun, but not me. If a scary programme or movie comes on TV I always turn it off. If I don't, then I can't sleep at night.

Has anything spooky ever happened to you in real life?
The only spooky stuff that happens to me is in my imagination. Like when I was a kid, I used to run across the bedroom and leap into bed because I always thought there was something nasty under there, waiting to get me. These days, I get a lot of déjà vu. That's when something happens but it feels like it's happened to you before. But I like that – it makes me feel comfortable.

Since you can do kickboxing and karate, wouldn't you rather play Buffy in the TV show?
No, I love playing Willow. And I only do kickboxing and karate for fun. I'm not good enough to do all those amazing fights you see on the programme. And neither is Sarah Michelle Gellar – all that stuff is done by a stunt person.

Are you a computer whizzkid like Willow?
I'm pretty fast and I know my way around the internet, but I'm not as good as Willow. She can hack into secret files and stuff. Actually the computer's hardly ever switched on when we're filming – they put all that stuff in later.

So what's Sarah Michelle Gellar like, then?
She's a pretty private person, really. She likes to keep herself to herself. It's not like we're best friends in real life or anything. We work so many hours together on the show that after filming's finished we all just want to get away and see our own friends. That's pretty normal in this business.

What scares you most in the world?
Spiders. Not those little ones that you find in the bathroom. They don't harm anyone, do they? But the great big ones like tarantulas or black widows really scare me. They look at you with those big eyes like all they want to do is eat you!

Do creatures like vampires really exist?
I'm going to have to say yes, because if I say no they might get angry and decide to come after me!

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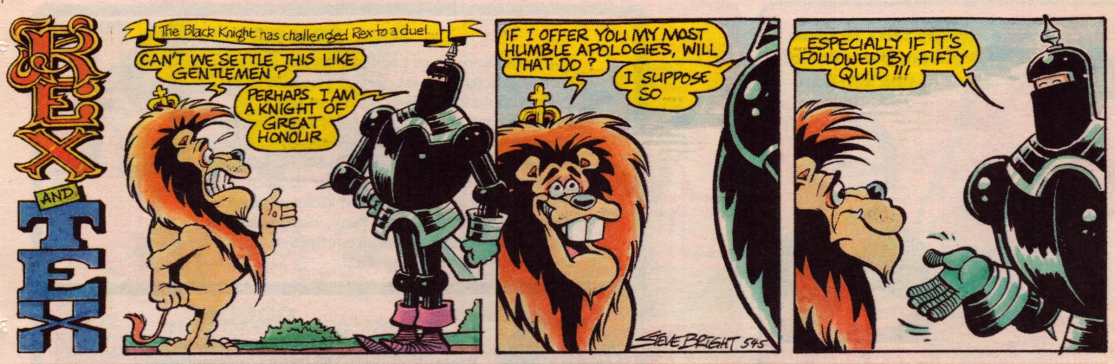

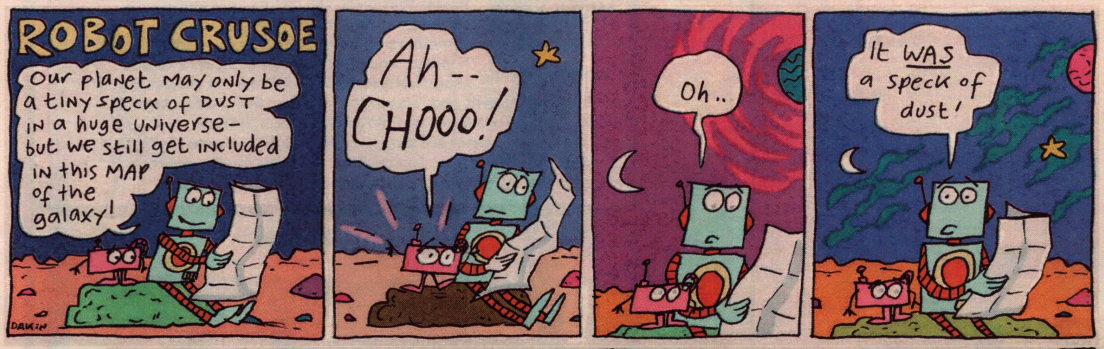

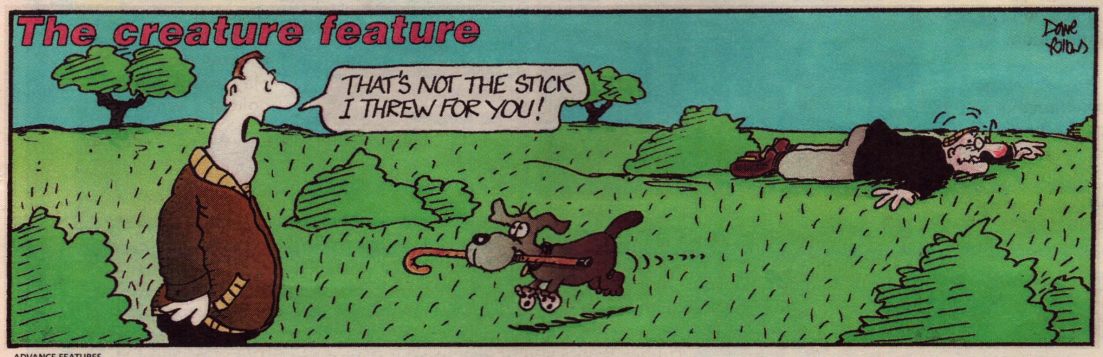

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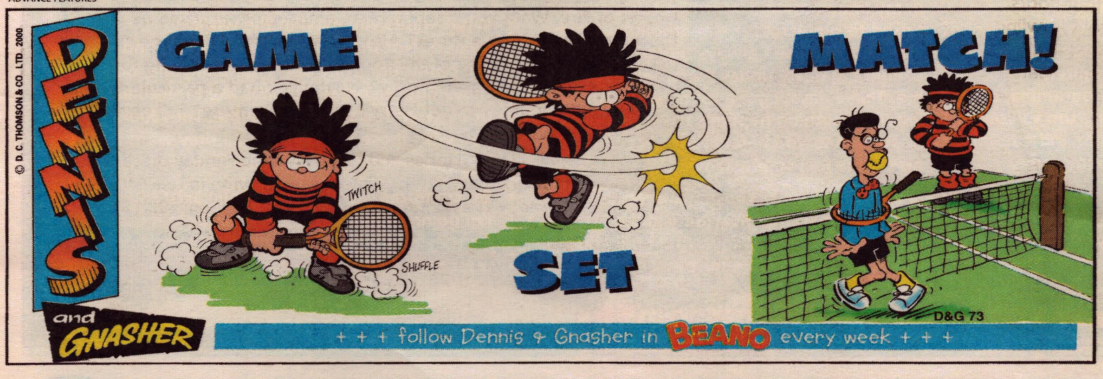

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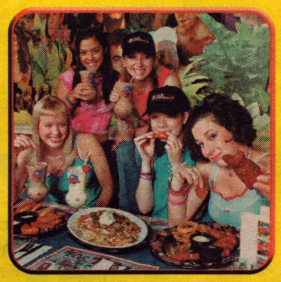


PICTURE: ALAN SHELDON

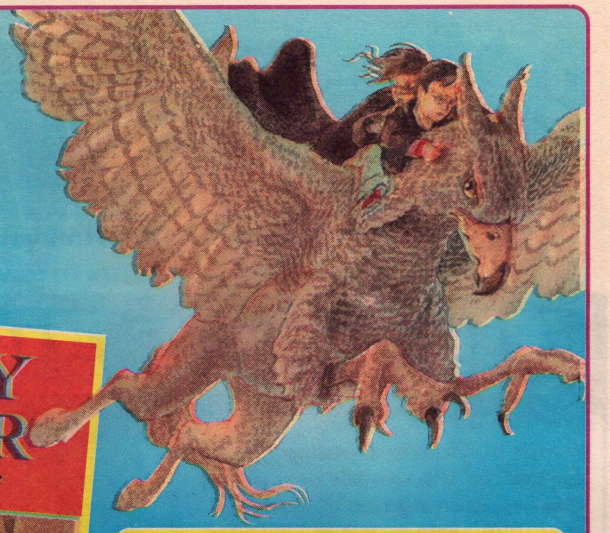
Funday grabs a chat, and a bite to eat, with Fe-m@il – the latest girl group after the Spice Girls' crown

Get an exclusive peek at the new Rhythms of Life exhibition at The Natural History Museum

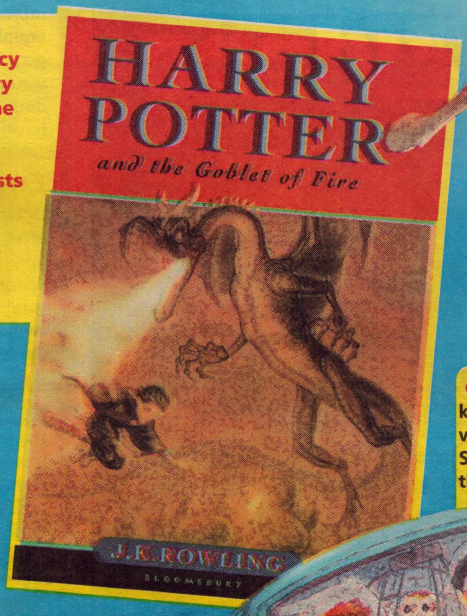
To celebrate National Bowling Day, Point Break learn the do's and don'ts of tenpin bowling

It's here!

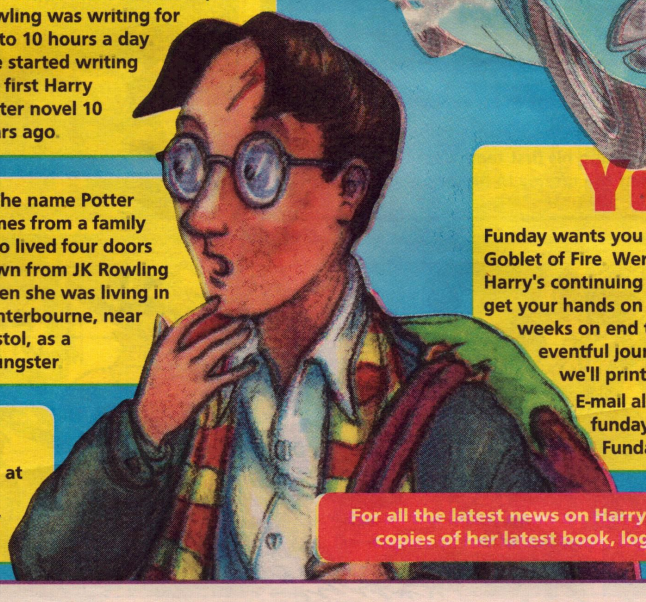
The fourth Harry Potter book, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, has finally arrived!



After months of frenzied anticipation, hundreds of rumours and a level of secrecy that James Bond would be proud of, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire finally hit the bookshelves yesterday.
It was launched simultaneously in Britain and America and will top the bestseller lists as well as adding to the series' 30 million copies sold.
To mark its release we have some interesting facts about the Harry Potter books and their author JK Rowling.



- Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire is a weighty 640 pages long compared to 223 pages in the first book, 251 in the second and 317 in the third.
- In America, Harry Potter appeared on the front cover of the famous Time magazine – the cover is usually reserved for world leaders and global celebrities!
- JK Rowling is well known for inventing weird and wacky names. She wrote the names of the Hogwarts' houses on an aeroplane sick bag!
- A school in Chatham, Kent, banned Harry Potter books from its library because it was claimed they had evil influences!
- A German translation from Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone appeared in an Oxford University finals exam!
- Harry Potter's affection for King's Cross comes from the fact JK Rowling's parents first met on a train as it left the famous London station.
- The publication of Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban on July 8 last year was delayed until 3.45pm, when most schools have closed. It was feared that children would play truant to get hold of a copy!
- JK Rowling's first story was called Rabbit and she wrote it when she was six years old.
- To finish the fourth book, JK Rowling was writing for up to 10 hours a day. She started writing the first Harry Potter novel 10 years ago.
- There have been one million first editions of Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire printed in the UK. There were just 500 printed for Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.
- The name Potter comes from a family who lived four doors down from JK Rowling when she was living in Winterbourne, near Bristol, as a youngster.
- Last year, a proof copy of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone was sold at auction for £4,830 – it was originally bought at a charity shop for 50p!



Your verdict

Funday wants you to give us your review of Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire. Were you disappointed, amazed or surprised by Harry's continuing adventures? Also, what lengths did you go to get your hands on a copy of the book? Have you been saving for weeks on end to afford a copy? Maybe you had a particularly eventful journey to get Harry's fourth adventure? Tell us and we'll print the best!

E-mail all your stories and reviews to the Funday office on funday.times@sunday-times.co.uk or write in to HP4, The Funday Times, 1 Pennington Street, London, E98 1ST.

For all the latest news on Harry Potter, and where JK Rowling will be signing copies of her latest book, log on to www.bloomsbury.com/harrypotter

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What do you think of Harry's new adventure? Write in and your review could appear in Funday!

THE FUNDAY TIMES
sport

Zinedine Zidane

French playmaker Zinedine Zidane is considered the world's best player after his starring role in France's Euro 2000 victory. If a player ever lived up to all the hype and attention during the championships then it was "Zizou", as he is affectionately known. He combines breath-taking control, superb dribbling skills, sublime passing and amazing accuracy. When you watch the 28-year-old on the ball it really is the beautiful game.

- Zizou's full name is Zinedine Yazid Zidane and he was born on June 23, 1972, in the tough La Castellane district of Marseilles in France. He supported his hometown club as a boy and has said: "My heart beats for Olympic Marseille."
- He currently plays his club football in Italy with Juventus after previously playing for Bordeaux and Cannes in France. During his time with Juventus he has won two Serie A championships, as well as European and World Footballer of the Year in 1998.
- Zizou's record for his national side is equally impressive, collecting 15 goals in 56 appearances! The midfielder was a vital member of France's World Cup winning team in 1998 and he headed home two goals in the final against Brazil.
- The influence of Zidane certainly isn't lost on his French team-mates. "Without Zidane, France play differently. They try to adapt, but are never able to play as well. Zizou makes everything tick," says midfielder Youri Djorkaeff. While defender Lilian Thurman says of his captain, "Zizou is playing football from another planet."
- Zinedine was so happy at receiving a £50 bonus for making his first team debut for Cannes in 1989, one month before his 17th birthday, that he sent the money to his parents!

sport news

Golden Gauls!

France are football champions of Europe after beating Italy in the Euro 2000 final. The French were trailing 1-0 with just moments left until Sylvain Wiltord hit a dramatic equaliser. Then David Trezeguet scored another goal in extra time to give France a golden goal victory. The win gave the French an amazing double – it's the first time World Cup winners have gone on to take the European crown!

England pass the Test

Dominic Cork is the toast of England's cricketers after his stunning performance in the second Test against the West Indies. Dominic led England to victory with an innings of 33 and he also took a total of seven wickets for only 52 runs. It's no wonder he was named man of the match!

Magnifique, David!

David Coulthard is challenging hard for the Formula One world championship. He produced another brilliant performance to win the French Grand Prix, the ninth win of his career. David is now just 12 points behind arch-rival Michael Schumacher – and driving better than ever!

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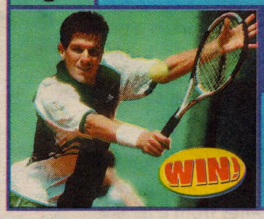
BE AN ACE!

It's men's final day at Wimbledon today and once you've seen the top action, you'll probably fancy a game yourself. So get playing with a fantastic Slazenger tennis set, consisting of a Protege racket, a tube of balls and a holdall.

The Protege racket is the junior version of Slazenger's Pro Braided racket as used by Britain's best player, Tim Henman, so you'll soon be a smash hit on the court!

We have 10 fantastic sets to give away.



To enter, tell us the name of the famous court where today's men's final is held.

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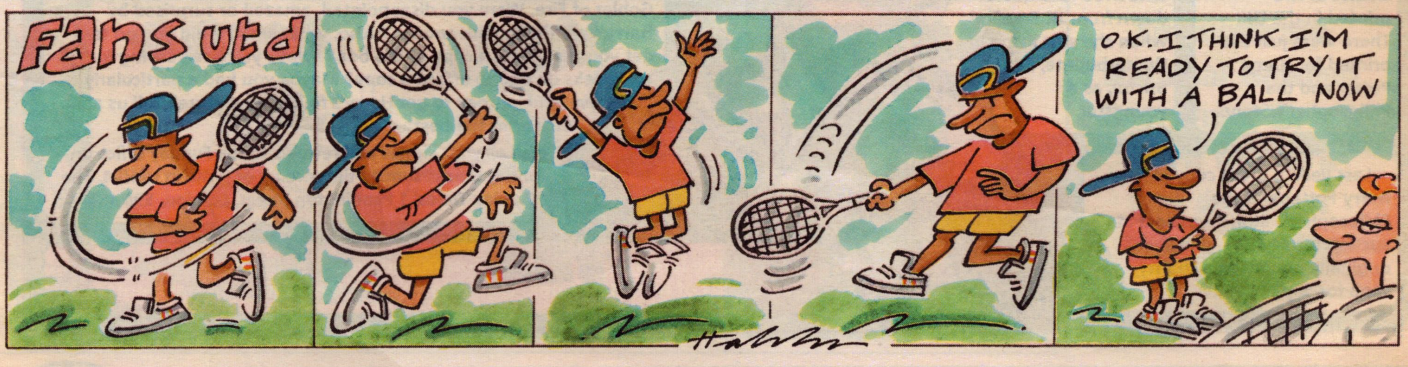
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